

Muhammad Yunus

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People should wake up in the morning and say 'I am not a job seeker, I am a job-creator.'

~Muhammad Yunus

All people are entrepreneurs, but many don't have the opportunity to find that out.

~Muhammad Yunus

One day our grandchildren will go to museums to see what poverty was like.

~Muhammad Yunus

Poverty is the absence of all human rights. The frustrations, hostility and anger generated by abject poverty cannot sustain peace in any society.

~Muhammad Yunus

In the future the question will not be, "Are people credit-worthy", but rather, "Are banks people-worthy?"

~Muhammad Yunus

The oneness of human beings is the basic ethical thread that holds us together.

~Muhammad Yunus

A charity dollar has only one life; a Social Business dollar can be invested over and over again.

~Muhammad Yunus

This is not charity. This is business: business with a social objective, which is to help people get out of poverty.

~Muhammad Yunus

Charity only perpetuates poverty by taking the initiative away from the

poor.

~Muhammad Yunus

Human creativity is unlimited. It is the capacity of humans to make things happen which didn't happen before. Creativity provides the key to solving our social and economic problems.

~Muhammad Yunus

I had no idea that I would ever get involved with something like lending money to poor people, given the circumstances in which I was working in Bangladesh.

~Muhammad Yunus

We have to get out of this mindset that the rich will do the business and the poor will have the charity.

~Muhammad Yunus

All human beings are born entrepreneurs. Some get a chance to unleash that capacity. Some never got the chance, never knew that he or she has that capacity.

~Muhammad Yunus

Young people should think in a different way - they should be job givers not job seeker.

~Muhammad Yunus

There are cultural issues everywhere - in Bangladesh, Latin America, Africa, wherever you go. But somehow when we talk about cultural differences, we magnify those differences.

~Muhammad Yunus

Poverty is unnecessary.

~Muhammad Yunus

We prepare our students for jobs and careers, but we don't teach them to think as individuals about what kind of world they would create.

~Muhammad Yunus

I should never seek a job in my life, my mission in life is to create jobs. I am not a job seeker, I am a job giver.

~Muhammad Yunus

Human beings have enormous resilience.

~Muhammad Yunus

Here we were talking about economic development, about investing billions of dollars in various programs, and I could see it wasn't billions of dollars people needed right away.

~Muhammad Yunus

I think, social business is the most logical thing to do. If we had done that, we could reduce all the problems we have.

~Muhammad Yunus

The fact that the poor are alive is clear proof of their ability.

~Muhammad Yunus

Poverty is not created by poor people. It is produced by our failure to create institutions to support human capabilities.

~Muhammad Yunus

My greatest challenge has been to change the mindset of people. Mindsets play strange tricks on us. We see things the way our minds have instructed our eyes to see.

~Muhammad Yunus

I was an economist now turning into a human being - as if these are two different things. I don't know but I did that and then I had no vision.

~Muhammad Yunus

I avoid grandiose plans. I start with a small piece that I can do. I go to the root of the problem and then work around it. It's building brick by brick.

~Muhammad Yunus

If you want to do something you have to imagine it. If you don't imagine it, it will never happen

~Muhammad Yunus

My vision for the future? ... a world completely free from poverty.

~Muhammad Yunus

Poverty does not belong in civilized human society. Its proper place is in a museum. That's where it will be.

~Muhammad Yunus

Making money is no fun. Contributing to and changing the world is a lot more fun.

~Muhammad Yunus

We believe that poverty does not belong in a civilized human society. It belongs in museums [...] A poverty-free world might not be perfect, but it would be the best approximation of the ideal.

~Muhammad Yunus

But we have created a society that does not allow opportunities for those people to take care of themselves because we have denied them those opportunities.

~Muhammad Yunus

We have done some of these in Bangladesh. Whenever I see a problem, I immediately go and create a company. That's what I did all

my life.

~Muhammad Yunus

I went to the bank and proposed that they lend money to the poor people. The bankers almost fell over.

~Muhammad Yunus

The only place where poverty should be is in museums.

~Muhammad Yunus

In a bird's eye view you tend to survey everything and decide on a particular point, then you swoop down and pick it up. In a worms eye view you don't have that advantage of looking at everything.

~Muhammad Yunus

If I could be useful to another human being, even for a day, that would be a great thing. It would be greater than all the big thoughts I could have at the university.

~Muhammad Yunus

If you think creating a world without any poverty is impossible, let's do it. Because it is the right thing to do.

~Muhammad Yunus

Human beings are much bigger than just making money.

~Muhammad Yunus

A university should not be an island where academics attain higher and higher levels of knowledge without sharing any of this knowledge with its neighbours.

~Muhammad Yunus

Some people think that poor people are lazy. Actually, it takes a lot of work to survive when you are dirt-poor.

~Muhammad Yunus

...poor people are just as human as anyone else. They have just as much potential as anyone.

~Muhammad Yunus

The moment you say microfinance everybody wants to help you.

~Muhammad Yunus

Today, the concept of business is to make money. Making money is the name of the business.

~Muhammad Yunus

I made a list of people who needed just a little bit of money. And when the list was complete, there were 42 names. The total amount of money they needed was \$27. I was shocked.

~Muhammad Yunus

They explained to me that the bank cannot lend money to poor people because these people are not creditworthy.

~Muhammad Yunus

Credit is a human right that should be treated as a human right. If credit can be accepted as a human right, then all other human rights will be easier to establish.

~Muhammad Yunus

Changes are products of intensive efforts.

~Muhammad Yunus

..things are never as complicated as they seem. It is only our arrogance that prompts us to find unnecessarily complicated answers to simple problems.

~Muhammad Yunus

The poor themselves can create a poverty-free world. All we have to do is to free them from the chains that we have put around them!

~Muhammad Yunus

The crisis is the price for the capitalist system

~Muhammad Yunus

I am proposing to create another kind of business, based on "selflessness" that is in all of us. I am calling it social business.

~Muhammad Yunus

Making money is a happiness. And that's a great incentive. Making other people happy is a super-happiness.

~Muhammad Yunus

Microcredit has shown how you can reach out to people that conventional banking cannot. It has demonstrated that it's a doable proposition.

~Muhammad Yunus

Capitalism is not about the profit motive. Capitalism is about free markets. What you do in the market, in your free will, is the essence of capitalism.

~Muhammad Yunus

When you say vision you have a track that this is what I would like to say.

~Muhammad Yunus

It's very difficult to look at it in a kind of a free manner, what reality is. That was my first struggle, to see it as it is, rather than tainted by my own previous thoughts.

~Muhammad Yunus

I had only immediate things today, only today, not tomorrow. I don't know what will happen tomorrow. Today I can see myself like crystal.

~Muhammad Yunus

A culture that holds people back should and can be changed.

~Muhammad Yunus

Business money is limitless.

~Muhammad Yunus

If we are looking for one single action which will enable the poor to overcome their poverty, I would focus on credit

~Muhammad Yunus

The able bodied poor don't want or need charity.... All they need is financial capital.

~Muhammad Yunus

Access to quality education has enabled me to reach far beyond the Bangladeshi village I grew up in.

~Muhammad Yunus

If the basic structure of Grameen is changed, the worry is that the poor women who are the rightful owners of the bank will be disenfranchised.

~Muhammad Yunus

Credit markets were originally created to serve human needs; to provide businesses and individuals with capital to start or expand businesses or fulfill other financial needs.

~Muhammad Yunus

I have always said that human beings are multidimensional beings. Their happiness comes from many sources, not, as our current economic framework assumes, just from making money.

~Muhammad Yunus

Money commands everything because that's our interpretation of capitalism ... what kind of world is that? It's a very uncomfortable interpretation of a human being. We have been turned into robots.

~Muhammad Yunus

In this world of plenty, a tiny baby, who does not yet understand the mystery of the world, is allowed to cry and cry and finally fall asleep without the milk she needs to survive.

~Muhammad Yunus

An individual poor person is an isolated island by himself and herself. IT can end that isolation overnight.

~Muhammad Yunus

Truly affordable but high-quality health care tools and services are the only means by which quality health care can be provided to all.

~Muhammad Yunus

Like navigation markings in unknown waters, definitions of poverty need to be distinctive and unambiguous. A definition that is not precise is as bad as no definition at all.

~Muhammad Yunus

When you get a mobile phone it is almost like having a card to get you out of poverty in a couple of years.

~Muhammad Yunus

The current financial crisis makes it very clear that the system that we have isn't really working, and this is the right time for us to undo things and build them in a new way.

~Muhammad Yunus

Nothing is more valuable to people than health care, and by paying, they feel less like beggars and more like 'customers' who can and should demand quality care.

~Muhammad Yunus

We will make yogurt with all kinds of nutritious elements. We want to provide nutrition to the poor and children.

~Muhammad Yunus

The process of breaking down fear was always my greatest challenge and it was made easier by the careful work and gentle voices of my female workers.

~Muhammad Yunus

What good does the theory [of economics] do if it is not working for people?

~Muhammad Yunus

Long live Grameen Bank. Let the power of poor women prevail.

~Muhammad Yunus

Poor people always pay back their loans. [...] It is us, the designers of institutions and rules, who keep creating trouble for them.

~Muhammad Yunus

Women have plans for themselves, for their children, about their home, the meals. They have a Vision. A man wants to enjoy himself.

~Muhammad Yunus

The developing world is full of entrepreneurs and visionaries, who with access to education, equity and credit would play a key role in developing the economic situations in their countries.

~Muhammad Yunus

...one cannot but wonder how an environment can make people despair and sit idle and then, by changing the conditions, one can transform the same people into matchless performers.

~Muhammad Yunus

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